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## Brown collection brings C.S. Lewis, Inklings to life at Taylor

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*Basic Reporting*

For over ten years, David Neuhouser, professor of mathematics, has taken students from his honors seminar on C.S. Lewis to see a rare collection of Lewis' work in Indianapolis. Now that collection has come to Taylor.

The five-author Edwin W. Brown Collection, dedicated in ceremonies Wednesday, features Lewis, George MacDonald, Dorothy Sayers, Charles Williams, and Owen Barfield. Including approximately 400 books, manuscripts, and journals, Neuhouser said it is one of the finest and most valuable private collections anywhere.

"It [is] a great addition and I think it will do a lot for Taylor," Neuhouser said.

According to Richard Hill, associate professor of English, having the collection will allow Taylor to bring in Lewis researchers and scholars, allowing the school to be more of a research institution. A conference on Lewis and

his works is being arranged for the fall and a symposium on Lewis is planned for the spring of 1998.

Some notable pieces of the collection include first editions of books by Lewis, books edited by Lewis, essays and lectures, and two rare Lewis manuscripts. First and reprint editions of books by MacDonald, Sayers, Williams, and Barfield are included as well.

Taylor's collection was appraised by S.A. Smith Theobald, senior appraiser at Appraisal Associates International as the third largest and valuable behind collections found at Wheaton College and in Oxford, England.

Dr. Edwin Brown, for whom the collection is named, spoke to those attending Wednesday's ceremony about how he began gathering the books, as well as his interest in English pubs which led to greater knowledge about Lewis.

Brown, a retired Indiana University professor and Indianapolis resident, collected the books during the past twenty years. He showcased them in a room in his basement decorated like a pub which Lewis, Williams, and Barfield, along with others authors such as J.R.R. Tolkien, frequented. The group, known as the Inklings,



ANDY ROON/ The Echo

*Dr. David Neuhouser examines books from the Edwin W. Brown Collection at a ceremony held Wednesday to display the books to the public. Neuhouser worked extensively with Brown and an anonymous financial supporter to bring the collection to campus.*

read and discussed literary works they were currently writing, among other issues of the day.

When Brown offered to sell the

collection to Taylor, an anonymous donor was found to buy it and give it to the school.

The collection is currently

housed in the faculty lounge in the lower level of the Zondervan Library while another campus location is prepared.

## Stanley wins position as 1997- '98 student body president



ANDY ROON/ The Echo

*Stanley and opponent Shannon Moyer had a chance to debate campaign issues and field questions from the student body on Wednesday evening.*

*Following a primary with more candidates than in the past 4 years, Jon Stanley pulls out ahead of the pack to take on the presidency*

**AMY MEYERING**

*Campus Editor*

The race is over and Jon Stanley, a junior political science major, has been voted into the office of student body president for the 1997-98 school year.

Stanley and his opponent, Shannon Moyer, were notified of the decision Wednesday night.

Stanley is concerned with emphasizing the value of community to Taylor's student body. "I think the key words are greater interaction and connection. The issues of community are the greatest part of the Taylor experience and we need to be more in-

involved in what Taylor has to offer," he said.

The transition process from Mike Sobol, the current student body president, to Stanley, begins immediately and will continue through the end of the school year so he can "learn to the ropes," he said.

"I think the broad scope is trying to bring the student body into greater congruence with Taylor's mission statement. The way you positively impact Taylor is to get as many people as you can involved in Taylor, to enhance the Taylor experience itself," Stanley said.

Six candidates originally ran for the position, and the field was narrowed to two after a primary election last Friday.



## Watch where you park- safety gets tough on campus violations

**NATHANIEL STONE**  
Basic Reporting

Taylor's campus safety department is cracking down on illegal parking. Tickets are being handed out for violations ranging from parking in restricted areas to having an unregistered vehicle on campus. Mickey Dockery, a freshman and student parking enforcement officer, said, "Throughout January, there was the occasional violator, but at the beginning of the semester, we're seeing an incredible number of improperly parked vehicles."

Campus safety director Mike Row, said the increase in tickets isn't necessarily a result of more people committing violations. "This year we have more people on staff as ticket writers, than we have in the past," Row said. In previous years, Row hasn't been able to fill all the slots for parking enforcement officers that he would like to.

Students who apply for the positions must undergo training in how to identify parking violations and how to deal with people when they become angry about receiving violations. If a candidate can't successfully complete this training, Row said, they are pulled from consideration.

According to Dockery, 90 per-

cent of the citations he writes are for parking in restricted areas. These include students in the Reade Center faculty and staff parking lot, behind the student union, the fieldhouse, and the administration buildings. The area of the parking lot adjacent to the dining commons across the solid yellow line is also a problem.

Other frequent violations include parking in "no parking" zones, parking where there are no yellow lines denoting a parking space, and parking in "10-minute parking" for excessive time.

Most students, Dockery said, have good attitudes about the tickets, and pay them promptly. Some however, do not appreciate the \$10 to \$25 fine accompanying most citations.

"Most people don't know this, because they don't bother to read the brochure we give them when they register their vehicles, but there is a formal appeals process they can go through if they honestly believe they've been wrongly ticketed," Dockery said.

According to the Campus Safety Motor Vehicle Regulations brochure, a student can appeal a ticket within 10 days of the issued date of the citation. The student court hears the views of both the safety officer and the student, and make a decision.

## Concerto winner to perform at pops concert Sat.

**ANDREA ANIBAL**  
Staff Writer

Claudia Heller will give her first performance with an orchestra to the tune of Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue" tomorrow night. But her appearance with the Marion Philharmonic in their annual pops concert won't be the first chance she has had

As a senior in high school, Heller won a competition to perform with an orchestra at her home in West Lafayette, but the concert was canceled when she contracted a respiratory virus that weakened her lungs and forced doctors to put her into a coma for four months.

Almost a year later and after what Heller calls a miraculous recovery, she is anxiously awaiting Saturday's performance. "I'm more excited than nervous" she said.

Heller was selected to accompany the Philharmonic when she won their annual concerto competition last fall. The event includes students from Ball State, Indiana Wesleyan, and the surrounding area.

One of the reasons Heller chose "Rhapsody in Blue" was because it is well known and can be enjoyed even by those who don't have much background in music. "I just want to do well and have people really enjoy themselves," she said.



ANDY ROON/ The Echo

Claudia Heller will be performing on Saturday evening at Marion High School with the Marion Philharmonic Orchestra

Because the piece is even more technically difficult than it sounds, Heller has been taking her final practices slowly. "I just try and have fun with it," she said. She will also have two rehearsals with the orchestra, as well as a meeting with the conductor, to prepare herself for the concert.

The concert, which takes place at 7:30 p.m. in the Marion High School Auditorium, will also fea-

ture a variety of both vocal and instrumental selections from shows like "Oklahoma," "West Side Story," and "Showboat."

Heller is pleased that a number of family and friends will be there to support her when she walks onto the stage tomorrow night. "This concert is more of a celebration just because of what this last year has been," she said. "It's a joyful thing."

## Trojans' season comes to a close

**KEVIN ANSELMO**  
Sports Editor

Last night, the Trojans season came to an end as the team suffered a disappointing 70-51 defeat to Tabor College at the nationals in Idaho. The team shot just 34 percent for the game.

Senior center Steve Wit was the only person to hit double figures, scoring 20 points. Wit also led the team with eight rebounds. Junior guard Michael Delp was the team's next highest scorer with just nine points. Delp connected on three three-point field goals.

The Trojans shot 30 percent

from the field in the first half as Tabor took a 39-21 lead into half-time. The Trojans were only able to score eight field goals.

The Trojans ended the game scoring 19 field goals. Tabor was aided by perfect free throw shooting as they hit on all 18 of their attempts. The Trojans made eight of 11 free throws.

The loss marks the second consecutive year that the Trojans have made it to the nationals in Idaho before losing in the opening round.

The Trojans have allowed just six teams to score 70 or more points after Thursday's game. The Trojans are second in the NAIA

in team defense, allowing 60 points a game.

The Trojans finished the season with an overall record of 22-13. The season was highlighted by defeating Bethel College twice and winning the MCC tournament,

which gave the team an automatic berth into the nationals.

The team will have to go into next year season without Wit. Wit was the team's leading scorer and rebounder, averaging 19 points and nine rebounds a game.

Look in next week's ECHO for a cross country preview

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## International News

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Albania, the poorest nation in eastern Europe, descended into chaos last month after a nationwide pyramid investment scheme collapsed, sapping the life savings of thousands of unwitting investors.

Protesters initially took to the streets to demand restitution of some kind from the government, but now appear to have joined forces with opponents of the current government who claim president Sali Berisha rigged recent elections to gain victory.

NEW YORK (UPI)—The U.N. General Assembly has adopted a resolution calling a planned Israeli housing project in east Jerusalem "illegal." The Assembly asked Israel to refrain from all activities that could jeopardize peace negotiations with the Palestinians.

## National News

ATLANTA (UPI)—The FBI has released the photos of eight people, and a sketch of another, who it says may have valuable information about the bombing of Centennial Olympic Park in Atlanta last summer. The FBI said that these people are being sought as witnesses in the bombing that left two dead and injured over 100.

LOS ANGELES (UPI)—The Los Angeles County District Attorney's office is reviewing the case against Michael Markhasev, a Russian emigre arrested on suspicion of killing Ennis Cosby, the son of entertainer Bill Cosby. Police also questioned another man and a woman in connection with the killing.

(UPI)—All American Airlines flights worldwide will become non-smoking on July 1st. American's flights to and from Latin America, Japan, and some markets in Mexico will join the rest of its system, which is already smoke-free.

RALEIGH, N.C. (UPI)—Speaking to state lawmakers in Raleigh, N.C., the president renewed his call for standardized testing of school children and for noting the best teachers.

## State News

MUNCIE, Ind. (UPI)—Ball Corporation has completed its offer for publicly held shares of Hong Kong-based MC Packaging Limited. Ball acquired 90 percent of MCPs stock through Ball's subsidiary, FTB Packaging. Ball officials say the acquisition positions the Muncie-based company to be a leading supplier of cans to China's growing beverage industry.

FORT WAYNE, Ind. (UPI)—Talks are underway to try and prevent a General Motors strike at an Indiana plant. GM and the UAW negotiators are continued talks yesterday aimed at averting a walkout at Fort Wayne's truck assembly plant. The union says the facility's 2600 workers will strike if a dispute over staffing levels is not resolved by 10 a.m. this morning.

(UPI)—The "year 2000" computer problem could cost the state of Indiana about \$87 million. Governments and private sector businesses around the world are scrambling to prepare their computer systems for the turn of the century. the date codes in many systems are programmed only with the last two digits of the year. That could cause serious problems on Jan. 1, 2000 if it is not taken care of.

## Campus Calendar

Compiled by Amy Meyering

### Friday, March 14

Campus Visitation Day

SAC Movie: "Phenomenon"

8:15 p.m. Rediger Auditorium

### Saturday, March 15

Marion Philharmonic Orchestra

7:30 p.m. Marion High School Auditorium

### Monday, March 17

"Once Upon a Time When We Were Colored"

7 p.m. Rupp Communications Building, room 222

"Dialogue Between a Postmodern Relativist and a Christian Theist"

Dr. Jim Spiegel/Dr. Win Corduan

8:15 p.m. Union

Skip-A-Meal

### Tuesday, March 18

Performing Artist Series: "Chinese Golden Dragon Acrobats"

7:30 p.m. Rediger Auditorium

### Wednesday, March 19

Women's Luncheon

12 p.m. Braden Room

Multicultural Council Movie: "My Family"

7 p.m. Stuart Room

### Thursday, March 20

Fort Wayne Job Fair

SAC Spring Fling

D.C.

### Friday, March 21

Spring Break Begins!

## North Central's initial recommendation-reaccreditation for next 10 years

**ANN WINTERHOLTER**  
Staff Writer

Last Wednesday, the team from the North Central Association said that they will recommend reaccreditation for Taylor for the next 10 years.

Over the three days before their announcement, the team toured both the Upland and Fort Wayne campuses, and talked with administration, faculty, staff, and students. In their report, the team pre-

sented what they saw as Taylor's strengths along with their concerns and suggestions for improvement.

Among Taylor's strengths is the fulfillment of her mission and her commitment to a complete education. The team was pleased with Fort Wayne's growing role as an urban campus and Upland's stability in enrollment.

The team expressed concerns about the relationship between the Upland and Fort Wayne campuses and recommended that Taylor find ways to bring the campuses closer in community. The team was also

concerned about faculty salaries on the Fort Wayne campus, the lack of racial, ethnic and gender diversity on all levels, and heavy faculty work loads.

Suggestions from the team included improvement of the athletic facilities at Taylor Upland, and access to the Internet from the residence halls. Increases in the endowment for financial aid, faculty salaries, and the number of hours required in history and literature general education courses were also among the suggestions.

### THE TEXT OF THE HEBREW BIBLE

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*Library undergoes review by independent consultants*

**AMY MEYER**  
Campus Editor and

**LISHA MCKINLEY**  
Basic Reporting

The North Central Accreditation team just left, but an academic review of Zondervan library is underway.

The review normally occurs every eight years, but was postponed a year because the library staff was so new, according to David Dickey, library director. This year, two consultants have visited to help the department evaluate itself. Lynn Brock, director of library services at Cedarville (Oh.) College came Mar. 2 and Jonathan Lauer, director of the learning resource center at Messiah (Pa.) College, visited yesterday.

According to Roger Phillips, reference librarian, the consultants evaluate the library program, including areas such as the allocation of funds and the availability of resources. The evaluation will then show the staff areas that need improvement.

"What we are trying to do is do what we do better," Dickey said. He looks forward to the suggestions and hopes the library staff will be able to make the changes needed.

According to Dickey, Cedarville's library is a leader in college libraries, and Messiah's is known for its faculty liaison arrangement. Under this system, every academic department has its own librarian, which allows the library give special attention to each department's needs. Librarians at Taylor are ready to begin this program and Dickey said he hopes the review will be able to help get it started.

## Counseling center experiences pre-break increase in appointments

*Thoughts of summer changes, warm weather and midterms bring students in to seek help dealing with stress*

**DEONNE BERON**  
Editor

Sarah waits in the small office, listening to the clicking of the typewriter and the praise choruses from someone practicing upstairs. She muses over how different this music is from the cheerful, off-key voices of the elementary children at the school where she was a student teacher in the fall. It's been hard getting back into being a student again, but the hard part is over. Sarah feels relieved. She has made the call and set up the meeting. Now, she just looks forward to talking over her feelings.

Sarah is a composite of the many students who are responsible for the increased number of appointments being made at the counseling center this semester. According to Karla Townsend, counselor, the one-third increase in her caseload over this fall is due partly to a carry-over of students who sought help in the fall and partly to a variety of new experiences students are anticipating during the spring.

Townsend is able to draw a fairly clear profile of a typical student using data gathered from years past. Almost without exception, the students who come in for counseling are female. Though issues like body image and eating disorders are generally limited to women, Townsend also feels that the men's and women's commu-

nication styles are also a large factor. Women tend to more open to expressing feelings, whereas men generally feel more comfortable with expression based on information.

In addition, Christian education and elementary education majors seem to account for many of the students that visit. Townsend attributes this to her perception that students in these majors are typically more comfortable with discussing "feeling" issues.

Most students who come for counseling are what Townsend calls "self-referrals" and come in based on their own decision. Many times, students have dealt with issues for some time on their own. When students see Townsend, they fall into one of two categories. In some cases, the situation they were experiencing has evened out, and they want to make sure they don't have to deal with one like it in the future. For other students, the situation has reached the point where they must find a more effective way to deal with it.

By the time most students end up in Townsend's office, few express nervousness about being there. "There are some students who say, 'I can't believe I'm here!'" she explains, "but research shows that most people are just relieved to be beyond the initial phone call [to set up the appointment]."

Townsend is open to working with students who are concerned

about privacy. For the most part, she doesn't specifically acknowledge students unless she has known them for quite some time outside the counseling center and they seem comfortable with it. Students can also come and go out a back door for added privacy.

Overall, relationship issues are the most likely to prompt students to seek counseling. This category includes relationships with roommates, friends, and girlfriends or boyfriends. A close second are the students dealing with family issues. Divorce, death and conflict within the family topics students deal with on a regular basis. As summer approaches, however, students begin dealing with changes that have occurred over the school year within their family.

For example, many students discover that they have changed while at college or that their family has changed, and that makes it hard for some students to go home for the summer. Some have already made the decision to spend the summer away from home, inducing stress from parents who would rather have their children at home.

Another factor that is partly responsible for the rise in students visiting the counseling center is the parallel rise in concerns about

body image and eating issues for female students as swimsuit season draws nearer. Midterms and the accompanying stress also prompt more students to seek help. Many times, Townsend says, these are issues that have already been manifesting themselves in a student's life, but the student has chosen to deal with them now because they feel the situation is more out of control.

"I can have a day materialize or evaporate," Townsend says. Occasionally, students who find themselves buried under work do cancel appointments in order to spend time digging out from under their studies. But the flow of appointments can just as easily swell, leaving Townsend with a full calendar. During the several weeks right before spring break, she expects to stay later to accommodate the needs of students who find themselves feeling crisis-ridden.

There is a light at the end of the tunnel for Townsend. As the "crunch time" subsides, and her calendar clears, Townsend knows that relief is in sight. "[I don't get too concerned because] it's not a momentum that will be kept up until May. I'm not as overwhelmed as it might appear on paper," she says.

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## A conversation with Director of Housing, Denise Bakerink dispels some common rumors about off-campus housing

**LINDSAY CROW**  
Feature Editor

So, you want to move off-campus? You are sick of being awakened at 2 a.m. by someone screaming in the hallway of your dorm. Or maybe you have fond memories of your dorm years, but you are ready for them to be just that — memories. But you've heard so many rumors about moving off-campus that you don't know who to believe. Here are some facts to dispel the myths of the off-campus housing procedure.

**Rumor #1: If you are a junior or senior, you can automatically move off-campus**

Taylor employs a residential philosophy, whose aim is to "create an environment which fosters the basic values of Christian community. The residence halls serve as living-learning centers where students are challenged to learn, grow and apply their faith through interaction with their neighbors," according to the Life Together Covenant.

Because the Upland campus does not have enough room in the residence halls to accommodate all enrolled students, off-campus facilities serve as overflow housing.

"We see it as an issue of stewardship," Denise Bakerink, director of housing, said. "If we have beds open, they should be filled. Also, because we have a certain amount of money we need to bring in to meet our budget, if we fall short of that every year, we'd have to raise rooming costs for everyone."

Students who have at least 61 credit hours by the end of this semester, and who are not on citizenship probation, are eligible to apply for off-campus housing. Approval is for one year only, therefore students currently living off-campus must re-apply for the next academic year.

**Rumor #2: Housing approval is based on subjective measures**

Approval is based "strictly on numbers," Bakerink said. Bakerink makes a projection of the number of students requiring housing based on statistics from previ-

ous years. She then subtracts from these statistics the number of students who are commuters, students who will be away from campus with study programs such as American Studies or Institute for Family Studies and student teachers. This is the number of beds needed.

The number of credit hours of the people wishing to live together off-campus is averaged, and a list in descending order of averages is created. Therefore, if 200 students apply for off-campus housing, and projections allow for 170 to move out of residence halls, the 30 students with the lowest average do not get off-campus approval. The number of students approved for off-campus housing varies each year, and all students who apply are not guaranteed approval. Last year, however, all students who applied were granted off-campus status.

"Some people who are great students and great citizens think that they should be given preference because there are people who go off-campus and aren't living an exemplary lifestyle, but at the point when we start using subjective measures to determine who goes off-campus, there will be people who don't think that it's fair," Bakerink said.

**Rumor #3: Fairlane apartments are considered on-campus housing**

Though owned by Taylor, students must apply for off-campus

status to live in Fairlane. Students wishing to live in Fairlane are given priority in the off-campus process. Students who are approved for Fairlane residency are notified on April 1, and room draw is on April 17. The cost for Fairlane is the same as living in a dorm, and the apartments are fully furnished.

**Rumor #4: West Village is considered off-campus housing**

Though students must apply to live in West Village, it is considered on-campus housing. Once the new Samuel Morris Hall is available for housing, West Village will be demolished. "West Village was a temporary one-year solution to overcrowding in 1988. It has served its purpose," Bakerink said. Students must currently be a sophomore and not on citizenship probation. Approval to live in West Village is based on the average number of credit hours of the six students applying together.

**Rumor #5: You can become a commuter and live off-campus**

To be considered a commuter, a student must be married, or live in the home of his or her parents. Part-time students (taking less than twelve credit hours a semester) are not required to live on-campus. Students who are at least four years older than the average year of their class (i.e. a 22-year-old freshman) are also not required to live on campus.

**Rumor #6: If you will be attending a summer session, you can automatically live off-campus**

Housing status includes the summer, and students living in residence halls during normal academic semesters are also required to live there during summer session. One section of Fairlane is available for housing during the summer, and the housing office "prefers that students living there during the year would stay there during the summer. However, we do make some exceptions," Bakerink said. Students living in other off-campus facilities are expected to continue to live in campus-approved housing during the summer session.

**Rumor #7: If you plan on living with a student teacher, you will automatically be approved for off-campus status**

Student teachers are given automatic off-campus status, but that does not extend to their roommates. You must apply alone if you will be the only roommate of a student teacher, and his or her credit hours will not be taken into account.

**Rumor #8: You cannot live alone off-campus**

Though most students do not choose to live alone, it is possible to apply by yourself. However, you must have a roommate when applying for Fairlane.

Students wishing to apply to move off-campus were required to attend the informational meetings held on March 4 and 5. Applications for off-campus housing are due in the Student Development office by this afternoon.

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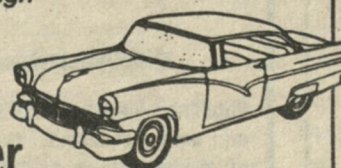
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## Faith and Food Service; A Search for Integrity

Some things haven't changed in my four years here at Taylor. The weather continues to unpredictable, and the rain still falls horizontally. Pick-a-dates remain the rage, as does Pastor Chuck's Kiss of Peace. And then there are those darn lines at the Dining Commons. You leave chapel only to face an insurmountable amount of people waiting to eat. "Why such a long line?" you ask. "And why does it seem that the line in front of me is just getting longer?"

You can learn a lot about the integrity of this campus just by standing in line for lunch.

## Opinion & Editorial

In the time it has taken you to read this, someone has probably "placed" themselves ahead of you in line. Usually it's because they are "eating with friends" or maybe "have a 12:00 class." Nevertheless, let us call this problem what it really is: pure, unadulterated selfishness. And it doesn't really bother us when we cut in line, however, when someone does it to you, that is another story. Is there a double standard here? I once heard a student speak in chapel only to find him squeezing ahead of me in line less than an hour later. Yes, I thought less of his character.

Sometimes I think there is more integrity to be found at Walt Disney World than here at Taylor. How many times have you seen people cutting in line to ride Space Mountain? It doesn't happen too often. However, the rules seem different here. Because we are an intentional Christian community, does that mean that we are to just accept this kind of behavior? Are we to just love each other, forget their behavior, and move on? Is "confrontation" a word not found in our vocabulary? Truthfully, I don't think so. I think it is our responsibility to treat others with respect and dignity; to truly live what we preach and not deceive each other. If that means not taking the deli line just to get your food faster, then I believe that is important.

Like the rest of the Taylor community, I am not perfect. I experience the effects of a fallen world every day. I could quote a variety of Bible verses here like so many other editorials, but I think we all know better. All I ask is that we just take the time to consider our actions and how they effect others, whether it be in the Dining Commons or elsewhere.

Enjoy your lunch.  
Steve Tanner

*"If a man does not keep pace with his companions, perhaps it is because he hears a different drummer. Let him step to the music which he hears, however measured or far away."*

Henry David Thoreau

## Trusting God is a worthwhile struggle

Bravo on the Op/Ed column in the Feb. 21 issue! Your thoughts on faith and trusting God were relevant to the spiritual battles I am facing. The reminder, "You must believe to see, not see to believe," reassured me that God was looking right over my shoulder as I read.

I am under the suspicion that many of us in the Taylor community are struggling to trust God in our current circumstances. Although it is hard to have faith when both external and internal situations suggest that God is distant, we must remember the times when we did see Him at work. If we take a moment to think about the past, we will see that God has worked all things together for our good (Romans 8:28- Read the whole chapter!). Satan wants us to forget our experiences with the Living God. If he successfully makes us forget that God has kept His promises, he will lead us into deception. This happened repeatedly to Israel in the Old Testament. If each generation of Israelites did not remember that the LORD delivered them out of Egypt, they would fall away from God and worship Baal.

Just like the Israelites, it is essential that we remember our past. We must remember who we were before our relationship with Jesus and who we became after living by His Spirit. God has many personal ways of reminding us of His presence, but unless we keep a record of them, we may be susceptible to forget that He is always there. It is important that we keep journals of the things that God is doing, ways He has answered prayers, and Bible passages that answer our current problems. Jesus loves us so much that He keeps sending us evidence of His love, but occasionally we are blinded from acknowledging Him as the Giver of all good things. A written record of His work in our lives would be helpful to read in times when faith is weak or when we are too scared to trust Him.

Once we remember that God has always loved us and that He is bound by His holiness to keep His promises, it will not be hard to surrender to Him. After all, who do you want running your life? A miserable, fallible human being who has messed up so many times by doing things on his own, or a loving, merciful, omniscient, omnipotent God? Case closed!

Sincerely,  
Holly Raatikka

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## Living the Devil's Beatitudes

Yup. I have procrastinated again. I have just come from a late night movie, a great way to spend a Saturday. Oh no! I forgot— I have a twenty page paper in anatomy and physiology due at 8 a.m. Monday! What am I going to do? Well, if I skip church tomorrow, I might get it done on time.

Oh, it has been such a long day and I'm so tired. If I tried to pray or do my devotions now, I would never make sense of them. I'll just wait and do them tomorrow.

At some point in our lives, we've

## Words and Meditations

Bianca Lightbourne



probably experienced a scenario similar to those cited above. I certainly have. During my freshman year, I was involved with anything I could get my hands on. I worked twenty hours per week, led a drama group and was a full-time student. My life was scheduled to the minute, except I didn't have time to pray.

I went into work one day to find the following anonymous selection tacked to the bulletin board.

"Blessed are those who are too tired, busy or disorganized to meet with fellow Christians on Sundays each week.

Their hearts are not in it.

Blessed are those who enjoy noticing the mannerisms of clergy and choir.

Their hearts are not in it.

Blessed are those Christians who wait to be asked and expect to be thanked.

I can use them.

Blessed are the touchy.

With a bit of luck they may even stop going to church.

They are my missionaries.

Blessed are those who claim to love God at the same time as hating other people.

They are mine forever.

Blessed are the trouble makers.

They shall be called my children.

Blessed are those who have no time to pray.

They are easy prey for me.

Blessed are you when you read this and think it is about other people and not yourself.

I've got you."

I felt those words cut to my heart. In not having time to spend in relationship with God, I was giving that time to Satan. Instead of receiving the promises of God found in Matt. 5:1-10, I was busy being blessed by Satan.

Who's blessing you?



ALL ABOUT GOD



ANDY ROON/ The Echo

Rebecca St. James played to a full crowd last Saturday evening

## Golden Dragons Tumble at Taylor

REBEKAH REESE

Associate Editor

Tumbling. Juggling. Exotic colors. The acrobatic endeavors of the Chinese Golden Dragon Acrobats will be the featured during a performance on Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Rediger Auditorium.

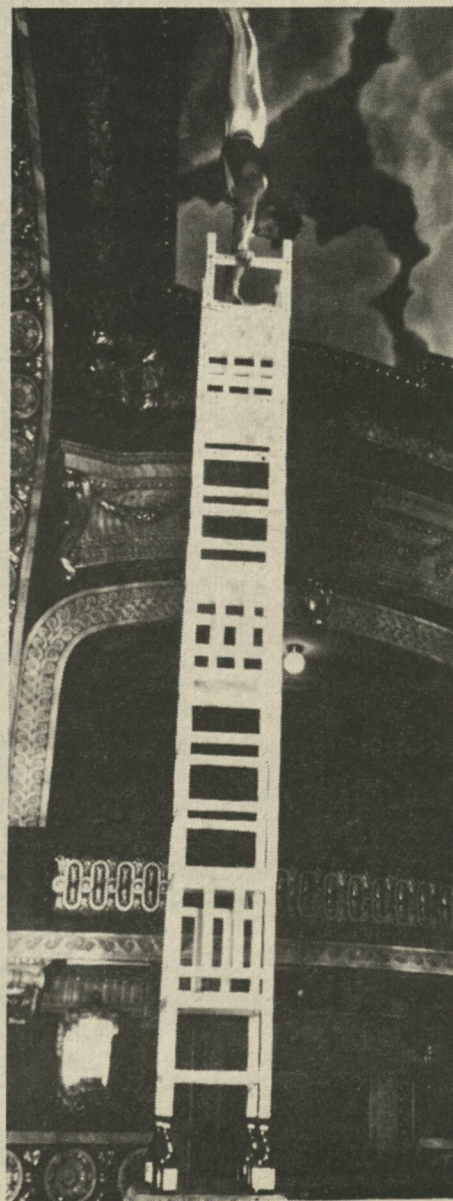
The Golden Dragons offer a variety of acts during their performance. Some of the acts included are: acrobatics, juggling, balancing acts featuring themselves and other unusual objects, comedy, magic, Kung-Fu demonstrations and traditional Chinese dances. The acrobats attribute their abilities to the utilization of the Chinese philosophy of Chi Kung to find harmony between the mind and the body.

The National Association of Campus Activities, comprised of 1200 colleges and universities, has voted the Golden Dragons the "Outstanding Performing Arts Attraction of the Year" for five of the last six years.

The 14-18 Taiwanese acrobats are trained at the National Institute for Acrobatic Training in Taipei, Taiwan. The institute instructs over 200 young people in acrobatics every year.

The tradition of such acrobatic troupes in China goes back over 2200 years to the Han Dynasty in 200 B.C. Troupes were favored as entertainment in the Imperial Courts and became the star attraction for ceremonial carnivals and public theaters.

For information on tickets, contact the theater office at x85289.



## Scene Two

Hi! Just to catch you up, in Scene One I talked a little bit about my perceptions of art. I also mentioned that I don't think that "Christian art" exists as some do. In this scene, I am going to tackle the big three in art, especially film. They are violence, profanity, and nudity (or sex). These three topics are the biggest subjects of debate when it comes to Christian disapproval of the arts.

When asked if they liked a film, how often have you heard people say this: "It was well done ... but I can't say I liked it

the nakedness of another outside of marriage," is what many believe. My question is this: what about the infamous statue of David? He is definitely nude and I happen to know for a fact that many in the homosexual community look to it as an icon of sexuality. Does that mean that it should never have been sculpted? Of course not! It is a timeless work of beauty and strength. Does this mean that only real depictions of nudity, are the ones found in film or photography? What about in a film like *Schindler's*

My View

Luke Breneman



because of that one part." I have heard many people talk that same talk. Probably 99 percent of the time "that one part" refers to nudity, violence, or profanity. In fact, the general consensus among the religious community is that these things, especially nudity, should never be allowed on the big screen, that they are sinful. Proof of this can be seen in the fact that Taylor edits the movies that are shown on campus, and edits them poorly, I might add (stay tuned for Scene Three). Those edits are for content that portrays sex, nudity, or profanity. Violence is usually not an issue.

Now, before I go any further, I don't believe in gratuitous anything on screen. What I mean is that anything that is used only for shock appeal, to get a higher rating, or that obviously does not fit into the story well is gratuitous. This is one explanation of why I think pornography is not a valid form of art.

But, what is it about these three things that make them so taboo? Some argue that they just don't want to expose themselves to these things. Others truly feel that to sit through a film with those elements is to commit a sin. I would suggest that we are witness to sin on a daily basis, be it through co-workers who use a different vocabulary than we do, or even the nightly news talking about the latest murder. None of these elements cause us to sin in ourselves. It is what we do with this knowledge that affects us. If you are a movie-goer, you may be missing out on some profound works of art that express timeless truths and stories of extraordinary human conquest by not seeing them for this reason.

Nudity in film is probably the biggest controversy of all. "It is a sin to look upon

List? When the Jews are herded into the gas chambers, they are nude. Now if one were to believe that nudity is wrong to portray and clothed these people in a film, that person would be making light of a horrible, humiliating tragedy. The nudity was part of the whole degradation of those people, to leave it out based on some sense of piety is to rape history.

O.K., then, maybe just sexual nudity is truly offensive. What about *Braveheart*? This film has been an interesting one for me to examine. So many Christians love this film because it embodies a man that stood up for his convictions until certain death. I thought that the film was wonderful myself, but no one ever mentioned "that one part," or the many of them actually. Both male and female nudity were shown. The female nudity was surely sexual. The violence in the film was extremely graphic, and the Scots definitely used some colorful language. This film contains everything that many find offensive, yet the meaning behind the film was so evident that no one who saw it can deny its worth and profoundness. I finally figured that in *Braveheart*, it was very easy to look past the facade and see the depth of meaning in the film.

Francis Schaeffer writes, "Some modern Christians have called all nudity in art pornography ... by such absurd conjecture they have made it virtually impossible to stand against *real* pornography...."

Not all art is pretty, moral, religious, or uplifting, BUT all good art is about truth, reality, or the search for truth. We must learn to appreciate good art as being of worth for just what it is, art.



# Trojans take two from IWU

**KEVIN ANSELMO**  
Sports Editor

The Trojan baseball season began last Saturday as the Trojans were shut out by Manchester College. The team then responded by taking a doubleheader from Indiana Wesleyan University (IWU) on Tuesday.

On Saturday, junior Mario Hernandez pitched seven shutout innings but got a no decision as the Trojans eventually lost the game 1-0.

The Trojans' pitching was aided by offense in Tuesday's doubleheader. Freshman Ben Asper had a two-run triple and scored a run as the Trojans scored six runs. Sophomore Ryan Miller pitched seven innings, giving up just one earned run as the Trojans won 6-2.

Junior Jon Easterhaus hit a two-run home run in the second game and junior Todd Colburn had two RBI's as the Trojans won 7-0. Junior Joel Davis recorded the victory.

Head coach Larry Winterholter is looking for continual improvement from last year's team that went 14-25 overall after starting the season 0-12.

"The guys were very supportive and we came back," he said.

It may be more difficult for the Trojans to make the MCC tournament this year as they did last year since only four teams will be selected as opposed to six teams last year.

To make the MCC tournament this year, Winterholter will look to what he feels is a strong group of starting pitchers. Hernandez, junior Joel Davis, sophomore Ryan Miller, and freshman Daniel Hernandez will do the bulk of the starting pitching.

Sophomores Casey Hargrove, Kevin Taylor, and Joel Martin, and junior Jason Colley may see time in relief.

Junior Justin Norman is the starting catcher. Norman will be backed up by junior Andy Rowell and freshman Josh Mabie.

Colburn, who was last year's starting third baseman, has been moved to first base. Sophomore Jay Hill can also expect to see time at first base.

The second base position will be occupied by Rowell and sophomore Steve VanderWal.

The shortstop position should be secure with Miller. "He's really a fine defensive shortstop,

maybe the best defensive shortstop in the conference," Winterholter said.

When Miller pitches, transfer Andy Meneely or senior Matt Diemer will play shortstop.

Diemer and Asper will play at third base. According to Winterholter, Diemer has good power and Asper provides depth at the position.

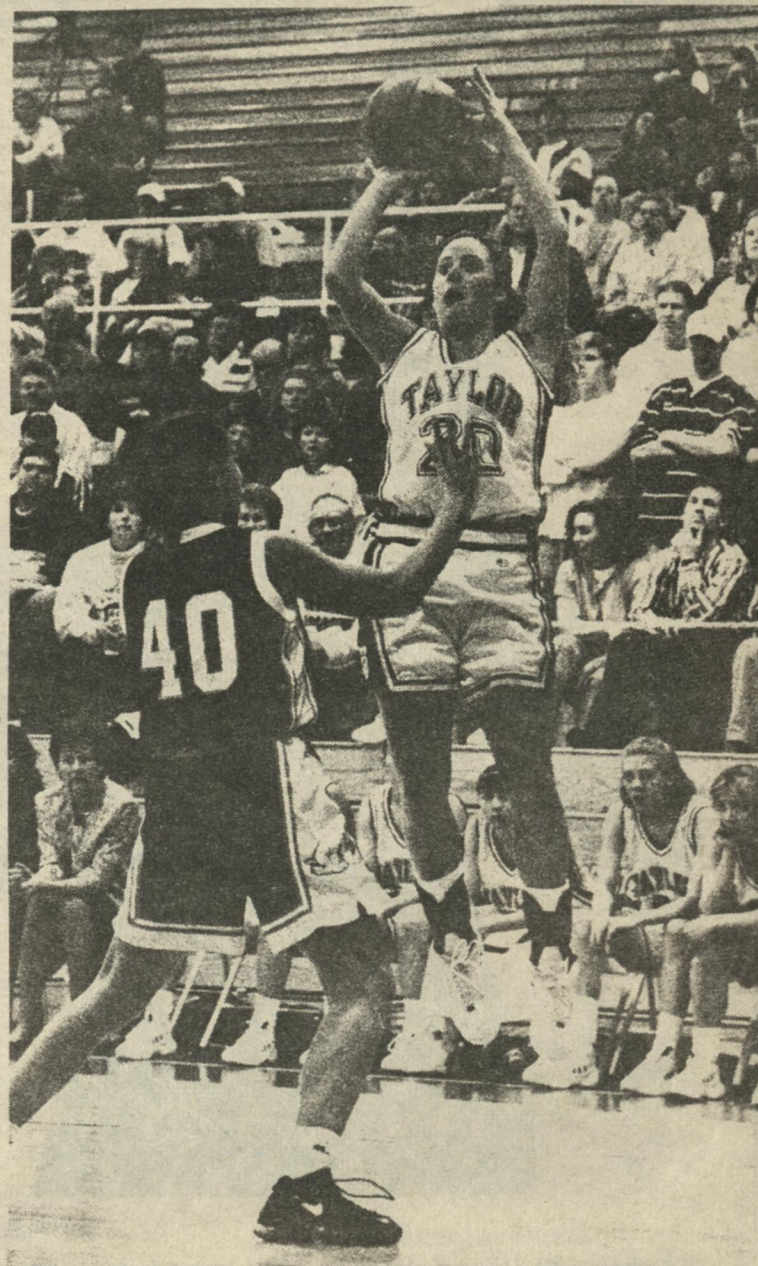
Senior Sheldon Shrock and Easterhaus are coming off of all-conference seasons last year. Shrock will be the left fielder, while Easterhaus, who led the team last year with eight home runs, will cover ground in center field. Both Shrock and Easterhaus give the offense some power.

"He's one of our leaders. He's a fine ballplayer and a fine young man," Winterholter said of Shrock.

The right field position will be played by committee with Colley, Martin and Taylor.

With this unit, Winterholter feels his team can compete consistently and at a high level. He wants his team to perform particularly well in the conference.

The Trojans will host Tri-State on Saturday and Indianapolis on Tuesday.



ANDY ROON/ The ECHO

Senior Grace Morrison looks to score on a baseline jumper in the final game of her career against Concordia College

## Lady Trojans end season with close loss to Concordia, 83-78

**KEVIN ANSELMO**  
Sports Editor

The Lady Trojans' season came to an end as the team suffered a 83-78 defeat.

The team got off to a difficult start. At the early stages of the first half, the Lady Trojans found themselves down 25-14. The Lady Trojans committed six turnovers in the first five minutes of the game.

Head coach Tena Krause attributed this to over excitement and nervousness.

The Lady Trojans responded by going on a 17-6 run and eventually went into the locker room with a 37-35 lead. Junior center Natalie Steele led the team in the first half with 12 points. She finished the game with 19 points.

The two teams stayed close in the opening stages of the second half. Concordia began to pull away with a 13-4 run that put them ahead 75-64.

Throughout the game, Concordia was frequently able to

score down low.

"We didn't step up on their post players inside," Krause said.

Steele fouled out with just over two minutes remaining with the team down by 12, and the game seemed to be over. However, the team didn't give up as the Lady Trojans gave it one last run. Before the game ended, the Lady Trojans had cut Concordia's lead to five points.

"There a group of young ladies that don't give up. They're going to give you everything they have," Krause said.

Despite practicing only one day because of a knee injury, junior point guard Yen Tran led the team with 25 points. She scored 19 points in the second half.

The Lady Trojans completed a very successful season. It was the first time they have competed in the nationals and the team's 28 victories set a new record for wins in a season. With the core of the team coming back, Krause is positive about next year.

## Softball season begins Sat.

**KEVIN ANSELMO**  
Sports Editor

The Lady Trojans will begin their softball season on Saturday with an away contest at St. Mary-of-the-Woods. The team is looking to improve on their win total of three from last year and their 1-

11 conference record.

To do that, head coach Joe Lund is looking for consistent pitching. This year's pitching staff will be anchored by freshman Robin Lockridge and sophomore Vickie Moss.

The pitching will be handled by senior catcher Beth Dahogne. Dahogne also will have to contrib-

ute offensively. "She hits the ball hard consistently," Lund said.

Sophomore Jill Graper will see most of the time at first base. According to Lund, Graper has the capabilities to hit the ball hard.

The second base position will be played by either returning junior Monica Moss, or freshmen Merideth Wolfe and Loni Weber.

Webber and Wolfe may also see time at shortstop, as will Vickie Moss, who will play there when she is not pitching. Sophomore Melanie Mannix is the team's third baseman.

According to Lund, the outfield positions are currently undecided because sophomore Lindsey Lund, who last year led the team in eight different offensive categories, along with fellow sophomore Tara Shellabarger and freshman Mary Barnhart will not play until the women's basketball team returns from the nationals in Angola, Ind.

Freshman Michelle Enyeart and sophomore Linda Deneau can also expect to see time in the outfield.

The lineup consists of some strong hitters, but according to Lund the team will have to utilize bunting and running on the bases to be successful offensively.

"We're going to have to create a lot of our scoring. We have to manufacture our runs," he said.

## YOU MAKE THE CALL

If YOU MAKE THE CALL, you win a burrito supreme and 16 oz. drink (courtesy of Flores).

Just write down the teams which will win the following games and get your response to the Echo office (or email ECHO) before noon on Saturday.

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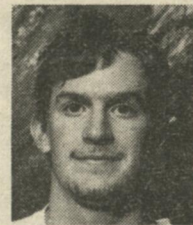
Indiana at Milwaukee  
Portland at L.A. Clippers  
Seattle at Detroit

Houston at Miami  
San Antonio at Denver  
Utah at Washington

### Tie Breaker:

(total points for each team)

New Jersey at New York



Last week's winner:  
**Joel Davis**



**WIN**  
**Burrito Supreme**  
**with 16 oz. drink**

Contest open to students, faculty, and staff only; Previous winners are ineligible for 2 weeks.